



TUESDAY EVENING AUG. 24, 1909.

REPRESENTATIVE CHARLES N. FOWLER, whom Speaker Cannon threw out of the chairmanship of the House banking and currency committee after a notable service of several terms, yesterday, as was stated in the Gazette of that day, issued an open letter to Mr. Cannon, in which he virtually charges that his removal was a part of a conspiracy between the speaker and Senator Aldrich to put through a currency measure that will favor Wall street and the politicians. Mr. Fowler's letter is the most sweeping and scathing denunciation of a public officer by an associate that has appeared in the last generation. Its political and legislative effects are bound to be far-reaching, as it will center public attention on Senator Aldrich's plans to mould the currency system of the country for the benefit of the Wall street corporate interests. Mr. Fowler presents the speaker's record in Congress on financial and currency legislation, showing that Mr. Cannon supported the "greenback bill," made a series of attempts to kill the act providing for the resumption of specie payment, voted against the repeal of the silver purchase act and fought the establishment of the gold standard. Mr. Fowler's condemnation of Mr. Cannon's currency record appears the more severe when it is remembered that Mr. Fowler, more than other American, is responsible for this nation's adoption of the single gold standard. For years he has been regarded as an expert on financial and currency subjects. Having been hooded and sneered at by the speaker, when, in 1906, he sought his permission to put through a bill to meet the prospective financial crisis, Mr. Fowler now charges Mr. Cannon with personal responsibility for half of the losses due to the panic. His arraignment is a most bitter one and all he says concerning Mr. Cannon is the truth, but his attack would have had more force had he made it before instead of after the speaker had removed him from the chairmanship.

The National Monetary Commission, created by Congress last year under the currency reform law, was in session in New York, last week, with Senator Aldrich presiding. While no formal report on its findings is expected before its next meeting in Washington in October, it was gathered from private conversation with members that the commission has become a unit in favor of the central bank plan, as a result of a close examination of that plan as employed in European countries. This plan involves an institution owned partly by the government and partly by the national banks, with the secretary of the treasury and the comptroller of the currency as the board of directors. This would set as the custodian of the various government reserves and would require a capital of perhaps \$50,000,000. Its stock would be divided among the national banks in proportion to their capital. The spirit of centralization seems to be on the increase.

REPORTS come from Richmond that the Virginia republicans will be supplied with money by the national committee this year with which to conduct their state campaign; also that the republican officeholders may be called upon to contribute to the election fund. This has been the case for years and years past but the money, as a rule, goes where it will do the most good—into the pockets of those to whom it is given to do missionary work. The rank and file of the party should protest against this method and demand a fair distribution. If the money is sent here for election purposes the few should not get it all and the many none. It is well known, however, that the republican leaders in Virginia want only enough republicans in the state to fill the offices.

THE Alabama House of Representatives has passed what is admitted to be the most severe prohibition bill ever offered in the south. By its provisions not only is the sale of liquors prohibited, but their advertisement may not appear in any newspaper or upon any billboard and no train may leave a car containing liquor on any track in the state. No place selling any sort of goods may be called a saloon and officers may raid places on suspicion and destroy goods found. Connecticut blue laws are "not in it" with the average Alabama legislator at the present time.

The manufacturers of "bleached" flour are urging that no more of their stuff be seized under the pure food law. Their request has been properly denied and not only their "flour" but they themselves should be seized. Men who adulterate food should be prosecuted as murderers for they kill people with their poison by the thousand.

The North German Lloyd steamer George Washington, en route from Obergurg for New York, has 1,351 cabin passengers aboard.

EX-GOVERNOR JAMES E. CAMPBELL, of Ohio, said the other day in Columbus that the democrats would take the tariff issue up in 1912 and win on it. This calls forth from a republican paper the suggestion that since the democrats are on all sides of the question, very probably some of them will win. And the action of numbers of democratic (?) members of both the Senate and House in voting with the republicans on the tariff question during the last session of Congress, has brought this well deserved rebuke upon the democratic party.

ACCORDING to a school census just taken, the population of Texas appears to be 5,700,000. The lone star state seems destined to lead all others in the number of inhabitants as it leads them in area. At the time of the last national census there were only two states, New York and Pennsylvania, that had more inhabitants than are indicated to be now living in Texas; and the only serious rival Texas now has for the third place with respect to population is the state of Illinois.

THE prospect of an increased school attendance of 25,000 pupils in New York city, with only 18,500 more sitings, made it likely that 68,000 children will be on half day instruction next term. As with New York so with a large number of cities throughout the country. The increase in educational expenses seems to be exceeding the receipts the country over.

From Washington.

(Correspondence of the Alexandria Gazette.) Washington, Aug. 24.

The erection of a peace monument jointly by the Sons of Veterans and the Sons of Confederate Veterans in one of the parks of the national capital is among the propositions to be considered at the 28th annual encampment of the Sons of Veterans which opened here today. There is talk also of establishing permanent headquarters for the organization in this city. District Commissioner Macfarland welcomed the delegates at the morning session, his address being responded to by Commander-in-Chief Edgar Allen, Jr., of Richmond, Va., and former Senator John M. Thurston. The suggestion that the next annual encampment be held at Atlantic City, in connection with the encampment of the G. A. R., has been favorably received by a large number of the delegates, and may be adopted.

The Delaware, the biggest of the American dreadnaughts afloat, will be ready for her trials in October if the plans of her builders, the Newport News Shipbuilding Company, do not miscarry. She was launched early this year. When commissioned she will be one of the most powerful warships afloat, having a displacement of 23,000 tons, three thousand less than that of the Arkansas and Wyoming, the next to be built, and 7,000 tons greater than that of the Connecticut, the flagship of the Atlantic fleet. When the Delaware and her sister ship, the Florida, are commissioned the United States will have new dreadnaughts as powerful as that which circled the globe, all the ships of which have been completed since that time. The new battleships are all much more formidable than any of the sixteen ships of the fleet which went around the world.

The cruiser Yankee, which has been resting on the mud at the bottom of Buzzard's Bay since last December, is to be raised today, according to a notice received at the Navy Department from the Arbutus company. The preliminary work of making her air tight has been completed and compressed air will be pumped in her compartments to bring her to the surface. When floated she will be towed to the nearest yard for overhauling. The Yankee, under command Charles C. March, went aground on the Hen and Chickens reef last year. The Arbutus company floated her by the compressed air process, then tried out for the first time, but before she could be towed to a safe place the ship listed and went down again. Since that time she has rested easily on the bottom and it is expected, suffered no damage except that due to her prolonged submersion.

After holding the secretaryship of the Department of Commerce and Labor for one day E. Dana Durand this morning returned to his old duties as director of the census. He carried with him, however, the consciousness that he had, for once at least, gone over the head of the secretary in addition to holding the highest office in the department. When acting Secretary McHardy prepared to leave town Saturday he appointed a man directly in his department to succeed him. No sooner had he done this than the matter was taken up with the solicitors who decided that none but a presidential appointee could be eligible to office. The man upon whom the honor was to have fallen was unceremoniously returned to his former tasks and Mr. Durand, as the next in succession, took up the reins of power. The information that the secretary's appointment had been refused recognition spread like wildfire through the department and considerable talk as to the legal aspect of the affair resulted. Mr. Durand, who is a calm, self-possessed soul, worked through the day in admirable style and at nightfall formally resigned. There was a marked absence of secretaries in the department yesterday. Not only was the secretary away but the assistant secretary and the two secretaries to these officials were not to be found.

Wine must be the "real thing" hereafter, if it is to bear the label "wine" without any qualifying adjective. According to a decision of the Agricultural Department today in the Ohio and Missouri wine cases, if sugar is added to the fermented grape juice, the product should be labeled "sugar wine." If the product is otherwise adulterated, the brand should be "imitation wine." The finding of the pure food board, upon which the decision is based, comments: "The consumer is, under the food and drug act, entitled to know the character of the product he buys."

The Critchfield case, one of the five which caused the breaking off of diplomatic relations with Venezuela last year, has been settled by the agreement of the Venezuelan government to convey to the United States on behalf of the United States & Venezuela Co. \$475,000.

Minister Russell, at Caracas, has informed the State Department that the protocol has been signed. This leaves only two of the original five cases yet to be adjusted, the Orinoco Steamship Company's case and the Orinoco Corporation's case. It is expected that the latter will be adjusted within a few days.

News of the Day.

District Attorney William Travers Jerome at New York announced last night that he will be a candidate for reelection this fall, running independently.

James A. Chapman, aged 65, died at his home on the Potomac river, near Pooles Creek, Md., yesterday, of pneumonia. He was a native of Talbot county.

Mrs. Emma Driscoll, aged seventy-four, and Mrs. James Fraser, aged sixty, were instantly killed at Woodbury, N. J., today, by an electric express train which passed completely over their bodies.

The entire plant of the Hillside Coal and Iron Company at Du Pont, near Wilke Barre, Pa., was destroyed by fire early today. Thirty miners, members of the night shift, had a narrow escape from being suffocated.

John Watkinson Douglas, former commissioner of the District of Columbia, and father-in-law of Commissioner Macfarland, died at Saturday, at Kent, Conn., where he was endeavoring to regain his health, with his daughters.

As soon as Justice Giegrich signs the final papers in New York Helen Kelley (Gold) will be given her divorce against Frank J. Gould. Herbert O. Smyth, her counsel, handed the papers into the justice today. There is no alimony mentioned and each of the parents will have the custody of the two children six months in the year.

According to advices received by the State Department from Constantinople the difficulty between Turkey and Greece concerning the alleged attitude of the latter toward Crete has been satisfactorily adjusted. The Turkish government has accepted the explanations made by Greece in the last note from that country of the recent incidents in the island.

Caught in a swirling sea this morning while bathing in company with his wife and two friends, Fritz Krenz, 52 years old, of Cincinnati, Ohio, a cornetist in Weber's band playing at Atlantic City, was drowned. Giving way under the shock and grief heart broken wife collapsed in the water and had to be hurriedly dragged ashore to save her life.

Charged with the theft of \$1,320 in money addressed to a Salisbury, N. C., bank, George B. Turner, a Southern Express messenger between Salisbury and Chattanooga, was jailed at Salisbury Sunday in default of \$5,000 bail. It is charged that Turner dropped the money from a rapidly moving express car, near Salisbury, and after leaving his train at the station, went back to the spot, secured the money, and left. He was later arrested.

Informed because his son had eloped with the sister of the bride he had selected for him, James Cavanagh, a retired brass worker, shot and killed his daughter-in-law at South Norwalk, Conn., yesterday and then fired a shot into his own head from which he died in a few minutes. The murder was committed in the presence of Miss Mary Cavanagh, the step-daughter of the victim, who became hysterical and her condition is now serious.

An attempt was made last night to assassinate Ernest Newman, deputy clerk of the court at Meadville, Minn., who succeeded his father, Dr. E. H. Newman, who was killed in a sensational feud fight a few weeks ago. Armed men on horseback surrounded his home, and one of them fired at him through a window. He was shot in the arm. The assassin escaped. Young Newman was recently elected to the office of chamberlain over five opponents as his father's successor.

Openly threatened with arrest by reformers within ten days if he refused to carry out the mandate of Attorney General Wilson to close Atlantic City saloons on Sunday, Mayor F. P. Sloy calmly took the head of the big revolt against state excise laws yesterday and refused to accept service of the formal order.irate ministers of the head of the reform fight, who got the order to put on the record his promise to place the mayor under arrest at the end of the days of grace unless he acts, and will also consult the attorney general concerning proceedings for contempt because of Sloy's refusal to receive the state paper.

Walter L. Clerk, previously indicted for the offense, but who was yesterday re-indicted as "second offender," was re-arrested before Justice Mulheisen this afternoon and his bail increased from \$12,000 to \$30,000. He was paroled in the custody of a detective to get this bail. A. D. S. Adams, reputed millionaire broker, of Boston, indicted in the same case, is still held in the Tombs unable to give bail.

Seeker Cannon is at Mackinac Island, Mich. His reply to a query yesterday whether he would reply to Congressman Fowler's attack on him was a contemptuous "No; absolutely no."

EXPLOSION OF GAS RESERVOIRS. Two gas reservoirs exploded at Geneva last night, causing disasters which, in several respects, equaled those brought by a small earthquake. It is not known that seven persons were killed outright; and it is believed that later reports will add many more to this number. Sixteen persons were seriously injured and many more badly hurt. Practically every window in houses within half a mile of the reservoirs was smashed and the streets were strewn with glass and the contents of shop windows. The gas works were damaged and many houses were so badly damaged they threaten to fall and have been vacated by their former occupants. Fires were made in walls of buildings fully a kilometer away from the scene of the explosion. More than fifty persons in the streets were cut by falling glass.

KAPTIN KIDDO. The Philadelphia North American promises something out of the ordinary in the way of a feature for its comic section, and it will introduce it to its readers, on Sunday, August 29. The title of the new series is "The Turb Tales of Kaplin Kiddo." Grace G. Widenstein draws the very attractive pictures of the "Kaptin Kiddo" adventures and Margaret C. Hays furnishes the tales. Both are out of the ordinary and both are attractive. The little boy in the series is the same little boy that lives in every home where there is a little child that same little boy is possessed with an imagination that is always active. "Most every parent knows of a 'Kaplin Kiddo'." The style of the work and the reputation of the joint authors ought to insure the immediate success of the series.

Today's Telegraphic News

Arrival of Harriman. New York, Aug. 24.—Edward H. Harriman, aboard the Kaiser Wilhelm II, is expected to reach quarantine about 1:30 today. The Southern Pacific harbor tug El Toro will go down the bay to meet the steamer at quarantine. The plan is to take Harriman off at quarantine, if he desires.

It was not settled this morning whether Harriman would be taken off the vessel at quarantine. No word has been heard from him relative to this matter, and preparations have been made to meet his wishes, whatever they may be.

If he decides to leave the steamer at quarantine, a special boat will convey him to Jersey City, where he will board a private train on the Erie for Arden, his summer home, 40 miles from Jersey City. It is believed that this latter plan will be followed, though, it was said by several of his friends today that the magnate would undoubtedly prefer to land at the pier in order to reassure the public as to his physical condition.

A wireless message from Harriman to ex-Judge Lovett, sent during the night said: "Am in good condition."

Shortly before the adjournment of the directors of the Southern Pacific and Union Pacific the directors made public the following wireless message from Harriman:

"My condition is good. I am going back to Arden for the after-care and to regain ten pounds I left at the Gettysburg. The condition of the American crops makes the outlook bright and business conditions for the future safe. The views I expressed on June 1 before leaving the United States have undergone no change."

New York, Aug. 24.—The steamship Kaiser Wilhelm II arrived at quarantine at 2:05 p. m. E. H. Harriman was on board. He declared to the army of newspaper men who boarded the vessel that he was "feeling pretty good," but that he would make no statement until he boarded his own private car in Jersey City.

Mr. Cannon's Reply. Mackinac Island, Mich., Aug. 24.—"Why the hell should I answer him? He's a joke. All of Congress know he's a joke."

Spaker Cannon chewed viciously the end of one of his long black cigars as he read the open letter from Congressman Fowler excoriating his methods and record, then uttered the above remarks.

Pressed for a formal statement, the speaker said, "Well, get out your pencil," and dictated:

"I have glanced at Representative Fowler's letter. To those who have the patience to read his letter, if any such there be, it will appear that when, in the exercise of the duties thrown upon me as speaker of the House of Representatives, I failed to make him chairman of the committee on banking and currency, in my mind I became thoroughly selfish, and generally a bad citizen and representative. I am perfectly willing that my action in not appointing him chairman shall be endorsed or condemned by our colleagues in the House."

Asked about Fowler's charge that Cannon and Aldrich packed the tariff conference committee in the interests of high rates, the speaker said:

"It is beneath my contempt or dignity to notice any statement made by Fowler that there was any sort of an agreement by which the House tariff conference were named."

This ended the formal interview, which took place on the porch of the home of Alvin T. Hurt, where the speaker is a house guest. Then, speaking not for publication, Mr. Cannon privately expressed himself somewhat more vigorously. Although it is not permitted to state the connection in which he used them, among the expressions employed by the speaker during this private conversation were, "low-brow," "four-flusher," and "ignorant of that which he pretends to know."

The Strike in Stockholm. Stockholm, Aug. 24.—The promised calling off of the strike today did not materialize, owing to the employers' refusal to reinstate all the men who had gone on strike. Had the employers done this the strike committee would have formally declared the strike off. As it was, hundreds of workmen returned and the position of those still out is becoming daily more precarious. The number of strikers no longer causes serious embarrassment.

The cabinet today began considering a plan to force the employers to arbitrate the differences with the strikers.

Injunction Made Permanent.

Chicago, Aug. 24.—The United States Circuit Court today made permanent the injunction restraining the Interstate Commerce Commission from enforcing its order to compel railroads to give a proportionate transport rate from the Atlantic seaboard to Missouri river points. This is what is known as the "Missouri river case," and the decision is a distinct victory for Western jobbers over Eastern jobbers. The decision affects all jobbers eastward of the Missouri river and especially affects St. Louis, Chicago, Omaha, Denver and Kansas City.

Surfragees in Court.

Liverpool, Aug. 24.—Seven emaciated surfragees appeared before one of the local magistrates today to answer the charge of disturbing a meeting last Tuesday, presided over by War Secretary Haldane. Since their imprisonment a week ago the surfragees had followed the usual custom of declaring a hunger strike and refuse to eat the prison fare. One of the women was so weak that she fainted while being taken to court. When arraigned, the magistrate expressed his sorrow and pleaded with them to partake of food at once, promising to adjourn court if they would do so. One of the women, acting as spokesman, refused the offer, declaring that they were "victims of man-made despotism."

The women offered no defense and were sentenced to prison terms of from one to two months. It is probable, however, that the sentences will be suspended and the women released to prevent their starving to death.

Mysterious Assault.

Detroit, Mich., Aug. 25.—"Billy" H. Conside, one of the famous "Cupid" brothers, was found early today badly beaten up. He has a broken nose and a broken jaw, to say nothing of a shattered temple. The police station could not identify the man who told anything of the scrap. Conside is now in a hospital.

New York Stock Market.

New York, Aug. 24.—The stock market opened with the same nervous irregularity that was the feature early yesterday. Trading all through the first hour was of a nervous character, with the room and street awaiting E. H. Harriman's arrival for news of his condition before doing much trading. The prices ranged generally within limits of less than 2 points.

Sinking of an Excursion Steamer.

Buenos Ayres, Aug. 24.—Between 200 and 300 excursionists on board a German vessel are believed to have lost their lives today when the vessel was run down at the entrance to the harbor of Montevideo by another excursion steamer, the Colombia, and sunk. A great fete is in progress in Montevideo and excursionists from all along the coast are going there on ships. The Colombia, heavily laden, left Buenos Ayres for Montevideo. At the entrance to the harbor she sighted the German vessel, also bearing hundreds of excursionists to the fete. It is said that the captain of the two vessels misunderstood each other's signals, with the result that the Colombia crashed into the other excursion vessel and tore a gaping hole in her side, in which the water poured.

The German vessel began filling so rapidly that, in the panic that ensued, efforts to launch life boats failed utterly. It is declared that great confusion also reigned on board the Colombia and by the time the Colombia's crew had allayed the fears of their own passengers and launched life-boats, the German vessel had gone to the bottom with nearly all on board. Among the few who are reported to have been saved is the captain of the German vessel. Reports from Montevideo declare that as soon as he was taken on board the Colombia he made an effort to end his life. Later reports declare that in the panic some of the passengers from the Colombia escaped overboard and were drowned.

London, Aug. 24.—Drowned. Received here this afternoon from Montevideo confirm the earlier reports sent out from Buenos Ayres regarding the sinking by the Argentine steamship Colombia, of a German excursion steamer. The dispatches place the number of dead at from 150 to 300.

The latest messages received here from Montevideo declare that very few of the passengers on board the German vessel were saved. Most of the drowned persons were women and children who were en route to Montevideo to participate in the festival.

The German ship which collided with the Colombia was this afternoon declared by Lloyd's agency to be the North German-Lloyd liner Schlesien, a vessel of 3,628 tons, that plies regularly between Bremen and Buenos Ayres, but which had, for this special festival week, been engaged to carry a big party of merry-makers from Buenos Ayres to Montevideo.

Conditions at McKee's Rocks.

Pittsburg, Pa., Aug. 24.—It is felt today that the trouble is not over in the zone of the strike of the Pressed Steel Car Company's plant. The strikers are sullen and threatening. The death of two more wounded strikers last night, bringing the dead total up to eight, increased their anger and oaths of vengeance were sworn over their bodies by comrades.

Many of the wounded in the last battle are hovering between life and death, and the strikers are becoming more enraged. The box car jails inside of the company's stockade now hold 37 men arrested, by the members of the constabulary. Charges of assault and battery and inciting to riot will be placed against each of them.

It is reported today that Emma Goldman was seen in Pittsburg yesterday inquiring the way to the mass meeting of the strikers. The woman stated that she wished to address them. She has not yet appeared at McKee's Rocks, and the police there have received orders to hold her if she goes there and proves to be the woman anarchist.

The strikers are now depending on charity for food. The commissary wagons which deliver bread are stripped long before they have completed their rounds and the men are sullen while the women, with the children gathered about them, shake their fists in the direction of the car shops and denounce the officials.

Eugene V. Debs, former socialist candidate for president, was announced as one of the speakers at the mass meeting today.

The funeral of Jos Hruks, one of the strikers killed in the fighting Sunday night, was held today from the Greek Catholic Church. Only a limited number of strikers were in the funeral procession and there was no demonstration. More bitter feeling was expressed toward the strikers by the constabulary when it was learned that the body of Trooper Williams had been robbed of about \$50 and his watch Sunday night after he had been shot to death. The body of Trooper Williams was shipped to the home of his mother in Pueblo, Colo., today.

Attack on Saloonkeeper.

New York, Aug. 24.—It is stated today that the attack made last night on Michael O'Shaughnessy, saloon-keeper and Tammany leader of the 27th Assembly district, by William J. Brown, president of the Bricklayers' and Masons' International Union of America, who later was arrested, charged with felonious assault, was the direct result of J. P. Morgan's efforts to have George B. Cortelyou nominated as president of the United States.

P. J. McNulty, a prominent labor leader, was interested by Morgan in the effort to have the nomination go to Cortelyou. McNulty established headquarters in the Vanderbilt Hotel and hired a lot of speakers to boom Cortelyou. One of them was Bowen. The boom fell through and Bowen is said to have received no money for his work.

Last night when Bowen entered the saloon of the Vanderbilt Hotel, where he lives, he saw McNulty there with O'Shaughnessy and another man. He was invited to have a drink, but is said to have made insulting remarks about McNulty and was ordered out of the place. When McNulty left Bowen is said to have cursed him again, but McNulty walked away. O'Shaughnessy followed and Bowen attacked him, shooting at him twice, and snapping his pistol several times, without effect.

To Expose Plot.

New York, Aug. 24.—That Donald L. Perch, indicted broker with the sale of the Heinz and the Eclipse Oil Company's stock, is prepared to tell District Attorney Jerome all he knows of the transactions, is indicated today by the announcement that he will be released this afternoon on bail. His bond was fixed at \$50,000, which he was unable to give, it is believed. Jerome has made his concessions, in return for which Perch will expose the alleged plot.

The Market.

Georgetown, D. C. Aug. 23.—Wheat 85-95

DRY GOODS.

Woodward and Lothrop

New York—Washington—Paris

CLEARANCE SALE OF WOMEN'S AND MISSES' Summer Dresses.

This clearance sale represents our entire stock—broken lines and one-of-a-kind styles. The reductions average a fourth to a half. The styles are all the very latest—including princess, jumper, and other models. The materials are fine linens, chambrays, English reps, and other fashionable wash fabrics. Included are all the popular summer colors—white, black, pink, blue, lavender, etc. All sizes in the combined lot.

Women's Linen Princess Dresses, in white, pink, blue, and lavender; some are neat and plain; others elaborately trimmed. Nearly all sizes in the lot.

\$3.50 to \$25 each. Were \$5.00 to \$55.

Women's and Misses' Dresses, of chambrays, ginghams, and lawns; suitable for morning wear at home or the seashore.

\$2.50 each. Were \$6.00.

Women's Linen Princess Dresses, elaborately trimmed with cluny and Irish crochet laces and embroidered net. Very rich and attractive garments.

\$18.50 to \$25 each. Were \$25 to \$42.50.

Also a lot of Women's and Misses' Wash Suits, of English reps, in blue, pink, lavender, and black. Suitable for general wear about town, and outings and picnics.

\$3.50 to \$10 each. Were \$5.00 to \$27.50.

Third floor—G st.

Three Men Killed by a Negro.

Monroe, La., Aug. 24.—Three persons were killed and 21 wounded, some fatally, by Alfred Thomas, a negro, who himself was afterward burned to death in a house where for hours he barricaded himself and stood off a mob of 1,000 persons.

Virginia News.

A local option election is being held at Harrisonburg today. Both sides claim the election.

Mrs. J. W. Harvey, wife of Sheriff J. W. Harvey, of Montross, Westmoreland county, died at her home in that county Saturday.

Mrs. Belle Moore, widow of Robert Moore, died at the home of her son, John Moore, in Adie, Loudoun county, Friday night. She was seventy years of age.

Capt. M. S. Gleason, aged 80, former merchant and proprietor of Hotel Gleason, of Charlottesville, died of pneumonia Sunday at his suburban home, near Jefferson Park Hotel, at Fry's Spring.

Rev. Edmund Ruffin Jones, vicar of Epiphany chapel, Washington, has accepted a call to Bruton parish to succeed the Rev. W. A. R. Godwin, who resigned July 1 to go to St. Paul's, Rochester, N. Y.

The R. F. & P. R. R. Co. has purchased of Mr. Geo. King, of Guinea, 5 acres of land, including the "old Chancell house," in which General S. Chandler Jackson died. It is reported that the company will make a pretty park of the grounds.

The Blue Ridge Copper Company, which for a long time operated the large copper mine at "Dark Hollow," near the line between Page and Madison counties, and which some time since abandoned the work, it is reported, will soon begin working the mine again.

The legal formalities for the vesting of title of the United States government in the site for the new District workhouse at Occoquan, are well under way. It is probable that the preliminaries will be completed within the next week, when the deed to the property will be made by J. L. Dawson, of Fairfax county, owner of the tract of land on which the new penitentiary is to be erected.

Chairman J. Taylor Ellyson, of the state democratic committee, will issue a call to the members to assemble in Richmond not later than September 7. This meeting of the committee will serve for two purposes—it will go over and canvass the vote cast in the late primary and it will also arrange many matters that will have to be discussed before the campaign is in full swing.

A cutting affray occurred Sunday night, in Roanoke when W. E. Walker, a well-known young man, was seriously injured. R. E. Brown, a Norfolk and Western brakeman, is accused of the stabbing. Had it not been for a call-book in Brown's pocket, the wound would doubtless have been fatal. The young man, with two others, had been playing a friendly game of cards at Brown's house, when Brown declared that he must report for duty. Walker, it is said, grabbed him by the throat, charged him with having \$30 of his money, and stabbed him over the heart. Walker was bailed in the sum of \$500.

AVIATION WEEK.

Glenn H. Curtiss, the American aviator, and M. Paulhan, representing France, divided the honors of the second day of aviation week at Rheims, the former with a thrilling flight just before dusk, in which he lowered the speed record for the course, which measures six and one-fifth miles, to 3 minutes 35.2 seconds; the latter making two impressive high altitude flights of 43 and 56 kilometers, respectively, in the endurance test for the \$10,000 Prix de la Champagne.

Curtiss's performance began just as the time limit for the start of the Prix de la Champagne was expiring, when the American enthusiasts had abandoned hope of seeing their representative take the field.

Amid the unbounded jubilation of the French spectators Bleriot only a few minutes before had clipped 16 seconds off Lefebvre's record, made Sunday with his powerful 80-horsepower monoplane. Suddenly at one end of the field a cry went up: "The American is starting."

All eyes were strained to that particular point, where Curtiss Field Bishop, president of the Aero Club of America, and a crowd of other admirers surrounded Curtiss.

With a preliminary run along the ground of 100 yards the machine arose lightly and shot by the tribunes at a height of 60 feet. It was going at a terrific pace, with the wings level as a plain. Curtiss made the last turn under the mistaken impression that the finish line was closer. He descended so close to earth that many thought he touched, but preceiving his error, he mounted quickly and easily, crossing the line majestically. An instant later the signal was hoisted that he had made a record.

Curtiss said that he had not pushed

his machine to the limit of its speed and laughingly declined to say more, adding that the most interesting incident of his flight was the view he got of his fallen rivals strewn around the course.

It is the intention of the American aviator now to await patiently the international event for the Gordon Bennett Cup Saturday, for which he is again the favorite, after which he will try for the Prix de la Vitesse, the final of which will be contested on Sunday.

We have received a cordial invitation from the managers to attend the Montgomery County Fair to be held at Rockville, Md., on August 31 and September 1, 2 and 3. Numbers of people from this city and vicinity annually attend the Rockville fair and are always pleased with what they see.

FOR RENT.

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